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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DEWHURST APPOINTS ALVIN SHAW AS COMMISSIONER

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst on August 1, 2011 appointed Alvin Shaw as a member of the Commission. Mr. Shaw has a public service career of over thirty-six years encompassing municipal, county and state positions with responsibilities having spanned from patrol officer to statewide criminal justice executive.

Mr. Shaw grew up in Austin and upon graduation from high school was employed as an apprentice glazier in the Austin office of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company on West 5th Street. During his five years with the company he installed glass in many of Austin's buildings of the era.

In 1974 he was recruited as an Austin Police cadet, graduating from the Austin Police Academy and receiving his commission in 1975. Over the course of his career with the department he promoted to the rank of lieutenant and supervisory duties included uniform patrol, the child abuse unit, homicide and the organized crime unit.

In 1992 he was appointed chief deputy of the Travis County Sheriff's Office. Chief Shaw was directly responsible for supervising law enforcement and correctional facilities, including oversight of construction, maintenance, custodial, food service, staffing and security operations. During his tenure he oversaw the design and construction of dormitory correctional facilities utilizing in-house talent and inmate labor. The agency's facilities assets included the Travis County Central Booking facility, courthouse jail and the Del Valle Correctional Complex, encompassing multiple classification buildings (minimum through maximum security), a tent living compound, chapel, dormitories and office buildings. Additional agency inventory included 22 buildings consisting of substations, administration buildings, dispatch facilities and inventory consisting of 450 vehicles and over \$20 million in ancillary equipment. Chief Shaw was the first African-American chief deputy in Travis County history.

Following his service with Travis County, Chief Shaw was selected in 1997 by Governor Bush as a member of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. Mr. Shaw served a full term as a board member, establishing rules and procedures for the agency, determining which offenders were to be released to supervision, what supervision conditions were to be imposed, and which offenders were to have their supervision revoked. The parole division at that time was responsible for a statewide caseload of approximately seventy-five thousand inmates. Following his term as a board member, Mr. Shaw was selected by the chairman of the Board to remain as a parole commissioner, and served in that capacity until 2006.

In 2006 Mr. Shaw was selected to serve as chief of the Austin Parks Police Department. Following the successful consolidation of the agency into the Austin Police Department in 2009, Chief Shaw was assigned as a faculty member of the Austin Police Department Training Academy, serving as an instructor of the agency's cadets and officers until he retired from A.P.D. in August of 2011 and commenced his duties as a member of the Texas Facilities Commission.

Alvin Shaw is a 1969 graduate of L. C. Anderson High School in Austin and attended Huston Tillotson College and Austin Community College. He is married with two children and three grandchildren. He and his wife Patsy reside in Round Rock and are members of the Greater Swenson Grove Baptist Church, Austin.